

MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS OF APRIL 21ST, 1931.

The Board of Public Works met at the offices of the Governor at Annapolis, on Tuesday, April 21st, 1931.

Present:

Albert C. Ritchie, Governor.
Wm. S. Gordy, Jr., Comptroller.

The following letter and memorandum from Mr. F. W. Besley, State Forester, was read and considered:

STATE DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY

April 20, 1931.

Mr. J. O. McCusker, Chief Clerk,
Comptroller's Office,
Annapolis, Maryland.

My dear Mr. McCusker:

I enclose a memorandum in regard to three tracts of land, which we desire to purchase for state forests out of the \$50,000. appropriation.

You will note that the Board of Regents has approved these purchases, they have been carefully examined, and we consider that they are not only desirable for state forests, but that they are very advantageously located.

I hope that we will have the approval of the Board of Public Works within the next ten days or two weeks.

Very truly yours,

/s/ F. W. Besley,

F. W. Besley,
State Forester.

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FOR ACTION BY THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS.

Woodlands offered for state forests, which have been examined by the State Forester, and options taken. The approval of the Board of Regents for the purchases has been granted, subject to certification of title.

1. 275 acres @ \$3. per acre, owned by Mrs. Queen E. Potts, and situated near Little Orleans, Allegany County. This tract joins the George and Grove tract of 1,850, approved for purchase at \$3. per acre by the Board of Regents and the Board of Public Works. This tract is of the same character as the George and Grove tract, and its purchase is needed to help round out the Allegany County purchase area.
2. A tract of 370 acres, owned by Jas. B. Price, offered at \$3. per acre. This tract joins the George and Grove tract, and extends northward nearly to the National Pike. The land is similar in character to the George and Grove tract, and a very desirable addition to this purchase area.
3. Eleven military lots, totalling about 550 acres, and adjoining the Skipnish State Forest in western Garrett County. These lots are offered by Wm. R. Offutt, Trustee, at \$3. per acre, and will be a valuable addition to the Skipnish Forest.

Balance in land purchase fund \$11,198.42

George and Grove tract approved for purchase, 1850 acres @ \$3. per acre.....	\$5,550.	
Potts tract, 275 acres @ \$3.....	825.	
Price tract, 370 " " \$3.....	1,110.	
Offutt tract, 550 " " \$3.....	1,650.	<u>9,135.00</u>
		\$2,063.42

The above acreages and amounts are approximate. The exact acreage is to be determined by survey upon approval of purchase. A map showing location of areas is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ F. W. Besley.

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State Forester.

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Upon motion duly made, seconded and carried, the Board approved giving Mr. Besley the necessary authority to purchase the tracts of land covered by his letter and the memorandum.

The Secretary took up with the Board the question of advertising the June 15th, 1931 issue of bonds in the Daily Bond News and the Wall Street Journal.

Inasmuch as it has been customary to put one insertion in

these publications for proposals for bonds to be issued by the State of Maryland, the Secretary was authorized to arrange for one insertion of the advertisement in each of the papers mentioned.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Joseph O'Melusser
Secretary.